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# Election sparks talk of race

Student leaders consider implications of Obama’s historical accomplishment

Paul Bowers  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Tommy Preston, a former black president of USC’s student body, watched his country elect its first black president last Tuesday night.

“I remember on the night of the election calling my grandparents, and they were crying on the other end of the phone because it was just such a special moment for them,” Preston said.

However, Preston, a first-year law student who served in the executive office for the 2006-2007 term, is hesitant to declare the upcoming Barack Obama presidency a mere matter of race.

“He shouldn’t be considered the first black president. He should be considered a president who happens to be black,” he said.

Still, he is not alone among black student leaders in attaching certain significance to this election as a revealing moment in racial history.

“I would love to say that we don’t have race issues here in America, but I’d be lying,” said Randy Gaines, a third-year sports and entertainment management student and president of USC’s Association of African-American



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President-elect Barack Obama speaks with a supporter following a speech on Sunday night.

Students.

“The aftermath of the election — especially the night of and the day after — has shown us that even those who aren’t racist because they have black friends and like black music have another side to them,” Gaines said.

Gaines saw racial slurs and prejudices come to the forefront in the months leading up Nov. 4 and said “people are beginning to show their true colors.”

Preston also recalls dealing with racial tension during his term as university president, especially when the Confederate

flag was displayed at Williams-Brice Stadium and shown on national television.

“I actually had to be a leader in a sense in helping to deal with some of the racial problems that we have here on our own campus,” Preston said. On a much larger scale, President-elect Obama faces this same daunting task.

In South Carolina, where Obama ended up roughly nine percentage points behind Republican candidate John McCain, there has been no

grumbling, especially over the matter of voters who picked Obama solely based on his race.

“Some of these black people are idiots,” Gaines said. “Racism is not correct on any side.”

Brandon Gates, a black student who serves as president of Gamecocks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol, agrees that voting based on race is misguided. However, now that Obama is heading to the Oval Office, he sees value in having a black president.

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## SENATE STALLS ON RESOLUTION

Student Government fails to resolve ongoing conflict over activity fees allocation

Halley Nani  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

For the second week in a row, Student Senate failed to reach a formal decision on an influential finance resolution affecting how student organizations receive funding from student activity fees.

Although Senate planned on voting on the bill at Wednesday’s meeting, an amendment concerning travel and distance from USC campus was added to the bill this week. Senators are required to re-read the entire legislation, keeping Senate from voting on the bill until next week’s meeting.

Sen. Christopher Main said the Senate is “concerned about people in organizations who wanted to hold events near campus but not actually on campus ... and such events were in danger of not receiving funding from student government.”

The bill is still on Senate’s second reading calendar, as it has been for at least the last three weeks.

In the first reading calendar, another piece of legislation involving student activity fees was introduced. In light of the upcoming Pastides Palooza, the resolution called for future presidential events not to be funded by student activity fees without Senate consent.

The bill received unanimous consent from Senate to be moved to the second reading calendar next week.

Sen. Taylor Cain said the bill was proposed because of discontent among students toward the costly spending in a fragile economy and students monitoring their purchases.

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# Vanderbourg makes ‘last lecture’

English professor discusses highlights in literary history, evolution of books

Jonathan Battaglia  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

English professor Susan Vanderbourg, as part of the Last Lecture Series, spoke on the “transformation of the book” Wednesday night in Harper College.

The series, which is modeled after former Carnegie Mellon professor Randy Pausch, asks professors to speak as if it were their last lecture. Pausch made his much-anticipated speech, entitled “Achieving Your Childhood Dreams,” only months

before his death from pancreatic cancer.

Vanderbourg, who is in her 11th year teaching at USC, was nominated by her students to participate in the series. The Yale and Stanford graduate lists studying poetry and spending time with her daughter and three cats as her favorite activities.

“I just thought it seemed like a really fun concept, acting as if this was really my last lecture,” said Vanderbourg, who presented her lecture in front of about 40 students and faculty. “When I was nominated, I didn’t want to miss the opportunity.”

In her lecture, Vanderbourg highlighted the evolution of books through time and the limitless possibilities a book presents. From a book with two bounded sides

to a book that can literally be lived in, Vanderbourg asked her audience to open their minds to new boundaries of what a book means.

“We’ve been restricted into thinking that a book is only a rectangular object divided by chapters,” Vanderbourg said. “The truth is that we can use art to give a book more life.”

Though some critics have pointed to the emergence of the Internet as the end of endearing literature, Vanderbourg said she believes the growing amount of multimedia will lead to a bright future for prose.

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Robbin Levine-Ritterman waves her marriage license at City Hall in New Haven, Conn.

## After Calif. loss, gays get right to wed in Conn.

Same-sex couples receive marriage recognition following last month’s state Supreme Court decision

Stephanie Reitz  
The Associated Press

**WEST HARTFORD, Conn.** — Same-sex couples walked joyfully down the aisle Wednesday for the first time in Connecticut, while gay activists planned to march in protests across the country over the vote that took away their right to marry in California.

Carrying red roses and a marriage license, Jody Mock and Elizabeth Kerrigan, who led the lawsuit that overturned Connecticut’s law, emerged from West Hartford’s town hall to the cheers of about 150 people.

“We feel very fortunate to live in the state of Connecticut, where marriage equality is valued, and hopefully other states will also do what is fair,” Kerrigan said.

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on Oct. 10 that same-sex couples have the right to wed rather than accept a 2005 civil union law designed to give them the same rights as married couples. A lower-court judge entered a final order permitting same-sex marriage Wednesday morning.

Gay marriage advocates said they were planning nationwide demonstrations this weekend in more than 175 cities and outside the U.S. Capitol. A Seattle blogger was trying to organize simultaneous protests outside statehouses and city halls in every state Saturday.

In New York City, several hundred protesters planned to march later Wednesday on the Mormon Temple on the Upper

West Side of Manhattan. The church had encouraged its members to support the California ban.

“We’re not trying to convey an image of persecution, we’re not trying to attack any specific group,” said Ryan McNeely, an organizer for the Join the Impact protest movement. “The point we need to be making is that we need to bring everybody together and to respect each other, and that hate breeds hate.”

Outside City Hall in New Haven, bubbles and white balloons bounced in the chilly autumn air as well-wishers cheered the marriage of Peg Oliveira and Jennifer Vickery.

Despite the roaring traffic and clicking cameras, “it was surprisingly quiet,” Oliveira said after the brief ceremony. “Everything else dissolved, and it was just the two of

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Morale Blitz Week  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Greene Street

SEAS Jewelry Sale  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Russell House Lobby

South Carolina  
Farmer's Market  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Greene Street

Nihon Club meeting  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Humanities 403

EMPOWER meeting  
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
RH, Room 303

ODK meeting  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
RH, Room 203

VOX meeting  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
RH, Room 348

MSA meeting  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
BA, Room 451

NASHI meeting  
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Gambrell 151

FRIDAY

SEAS Jewelry Sale  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
RH Lobby

Alpha Lambda Delta  
meeting  
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
RH, Room 315

SUNDAY

Hill of the Lord Church  
Service  
11 a.m.  
Rutledge Chapel

Garnet Circle meeting  
8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Russell House, Rooms  
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Q & A WITH  
STUDENT LEADER OF THE  
Week

Lisa Lebovitz, president of Hillel

1) What would you like people to know about Hillel?

We're the only organization on campus for Jewish students. We do a ton of different stuff and are open to suggestions. We're all Jewish, but it's not all focused on religion.

2) What's your favorite Jewish holiday? Why? Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which happens to be the same day as my birthday.

3) If you could be any Disney character, who would you be? Pocahontas because she is brave and broke the mold for women at her time.

4) What's your favorite song to rock out to? "Just Dance" by Lady GaGa because I like the beat and the lyrics are really funny.

5) If you could move anywhere in the world and money wasn't an object, where would you move? I would move to Brentwood, Tenn., because it's home and it's where all the country music stars live, like Tim McGraw.

— Compiled by Assistant News Editor  
Kara Apel

PIC OF THE DAY



Kara Roache / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A house in Gaston S.C., is left burnt to the ground after a fire Tuesday morning.

Local

South Carolina Education Department employees must take five days of unpaid leave by the end of June — the latest example of how agencies around the state are dealing with the slumping economy — officials said Wednesday.

State schools Superintendent Jim Rex sent an e-mail to employees explaining the mandatory furloughs, which represent a \$569,000 savings.

All agency employees must take the unpaid days off before the fiscal year ends June 30. The furlough does not apply to teachers or other school district workers.

The move should save between 13 and 15 jobs, Rex said.

The decision follows a \$9.1 million budget cut to the agency due to the economic downturn, representing a 16 percent reduction.

The Legislature cut a total of \$488 million from its \$7 billion spending plan for 2008-09 during a special session last month. That included a \$123 million cut to the state's public universities and technical colleges, averaging just under 15 percent at each school, with much of that from payrolls and research.

"Our goal in dealing with these cuts has been to protect our core functions — to continue providing services to schools and districts and to protect the jobs of SCDE staff who provide those services," Rex wrote in his letter, dated Wednesday. "We have explored all options available to us, and we are making cuts in ways that give us the best opportunities to meet our goals."

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

— A 15-year-old girl was charged with fatally shooting another student during an argument Wednesday at a Fort Lauderdale high school.

Teah Wimberly was charged with first-degree murder and discharging a weapon on school property, Fort Lauderdale Police said in a news release. The body of sophomore Amanda Collette, also 15, was found on a hallway floor at Dillard High School around 11 a.m. She was shot in the torso while students were changing classes.

"This is a situation where we are more than heartbroken," said Jim Notter, the superintendent of schools for Broward County.

Wimberly left campus and told authorities that "she had shot her friend," said Sgt. Frank Sousa, a police spokesman. Authorities took her into custody and recovered a gun.

Messages left with police seeking an attorney for Wimberly were not immediately returned.

The discovery of the body started a confusing series of events. Police said they did not believe anyone heard gunshots, and an initial examination found no major wound on the girl's body, leading to questions about whether or not she was shot.

Authorities later confirmed the shooting and Sousa said it was possible a smaller-caliber gun was used and the wound closed around the bullet.

Police said no other students were believed to have been involved and the motive was still being investigated.

National

World

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said it successfully test-fired a new generation of long range surface-to-surface missile on Wednesday — one that could easily strike as far away as southeastern Europe with greater precision than earlier models.

The Sajjil is a solid fuel high-speed missile with a range of about 1,200 miles, Defense Minister Mostafa Mohammed Najjar said on state television. At that range, it could easily strike Iran's arch-foe Israel and go as far as southeastern Europe.

Solid-fuel missiles are more accurate than the liquid fuel missiles of similar range currently possessed by Iran. The country has had a solid-fuel missile with a shorter range — the Fateh, able to fly 120 miles — for several years.

The Islamic Republic News Agency said the test was conducted Wednesday, and television showed the missile being fired from a desert launching pad.

Najjar said the missile was a defensive weapon and not a response to threats against Iran. He didn't name any country, but Israel has recently threatened to take military action against Iran to stop Tehran from developing a nuclear bomb.

Najjar said the missile was part of a "defensive, deterrent strategy ... specifically with defensive objectives."

The defense minister, quoted by Iran state television, said the two-stage missile with two solid-fuel engines has "an extraordinary high capability" but gave no further details. He did not say whether it was capable of carrying a nuclear warhead.

In Washington, the State Department said the missile tests were not good for the stability of the region and were another sign that U.S. plans to construct a missile shield in Europe are critical to international security. Department spokesman Robert Wood said Washington hoped Russia, which has criticized the proposed shield, would recognize the threat posed by Iran and realize the system is not aimed at Russia.

"I think it's pretty obvious when Iran launches one of these ballistic missiles, that this is something of concern to the international community, and I'm including Russia in the international community here," he said.

— The Associated Press

Journalism class and Sexual Trauma Services to host concert

Journalism 531 picked Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands (STSM) as their semester campaign project and hope to raise awareness about STSM services and educate students.

The concert is tonight at The Flying Saucer in the Vista at 8 p.m. and a portion of drink sales will go to STSM. Donations will be accepted throughout the night and there will be no cover charge. Attendees must be 21 years of age to enter.

Local Columbia musicians Jeff Liberty and Zach Flower and The Essentials will play.

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A woman discusses mixed feelings about guidelines adopted by the federal task force.

## Stuck passengers find little help

Guidelines for airlines' contingency plans remain vague, not mandatory

Joann Lowy  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Passengers stranded for hours aboard planes on the tarmac would still have to depend on the goodwill of airlines and airports for relief under guidelines adopted by a federal task force Wednesday.

The task force, which was dominated by the airline industry, approved guidelines for model contingency plans for airlines and airports to follow in cases of extended tarmac delays. But the task force's report to Transportation Secretary Mary Peters doesn't recommend a specific limit on how long passengers can be kept waiting without the opportunity to return to a gate.

Nor does the task force recommend that Peters make the guidelines mandatory.

Passengers who had hoped for stronger protections were left empty-handed.

"You have to admit that the game is still heavily weighted to business as usual," Kate Hanni, a passenger rights advocate, told her fellow task force members before voting against adoption of the report.

Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., who has been pushing

for a passengers' bill of rights, said voluntary guidelines "don't provide any real guarantees that passengers will not be abandoned on the tarmac."

"The airlines have had over a year to address this issue themselves, and since they have failed to do so, we will continue to work for real requirements that ensure that people have basic rights when they board a plane," he said.

Industry members of the task forces said they needed the flexibility to design their own response plans.

David Castelveter, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines, said setting any specific time limit — passenger rights advocates have pushed for a maximum of three hours — could hinder passengers as often as it helps them. He said planes that might be close to taking off could be forced back to gates, and passengers could wind up reboarding planes that have to go to the end of the takeoff line, causing further delays.

That argument made sense to Sandy Fortney, 54, of Philadelphia, a traveler who departed a plane at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on Wednesday.

"People will end up missing connections in other cities," Fortney said.

DOT has been working separately on a rule that will require airlines and airports

to have contingency plans. But federal rulemaking is a lengthy process, guaranteeing the issue will be among those waiting for the Obama administration.

Task force member Benjamin DeCosta, the aviation general manager of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, said he favors time limits but they need to be tailored to each airline and each airport.

The task force report recommends that:

— Airlines update passengers delayed on tarmacs every 15 minutes even if there is nothing new to report.

— A secure room be provided for passengers from diverted overseas flights so they can avoid having to go through security checks when reboarding an aircraft to their final destination.

— When practical, refreshments and entertainment should be made available to passengers confined aboard aircraft awaiting takeoff.

— Airlines should make reasonable efforts to be keep airplane restrooms usable.

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"I think now for African-Americans and blacks, when they tell their kids they can be anything that they want to be, you can start believing that," said Gates, a fourth-year broadcast journalism student.

He said that his younger brothers, who once wanted to be professional athletes, have new ambitions: law school or presidency of the United States.

Much significance has also been attached to the incoming First Family.

"Before they came into the picture, I think the only positive family that African-Americans had to look at was the Cosbys, and they're fictional," Gates said.

Hakeem Jefferson, a second-year political science student and secretary of minority affairs for Student Government, also believes that Obama and his family will do much for the image of black American families — in the eyes of black and non-black individuals alike.

Jefferson has been involved in conducting an undergraduate study on implicit closeness, or the degree to which people feel close to African-Americans. He said many respondents have been shown to hold negative stereotypes about black people, including that they do not work as hard as whites.

"Barack is the total opposite of all those stereotypes," Jefferson said.

Still, Jefferson does believe the Obama presidency is a silver bullet for the racial problems inside and outside

of the black community.

"He can restructure No Child Left Behind, but it doesn't matter if parents aren't turning off the TVs and making their children do their homework," he said.

The student leaders agree that many changes must be made on a personal and community level before progress is to be made.

"It is wrong to be racist. It is wrong to be prejudiced. But we all have done it, whether we would like to admit it or not," Gates said.

Gaines does not believe that Obama is capable of making many concrete steps to improve the condition of African-Americans. He satirically reflected on a situation in which Obama would decree, "OK, all black people are going to get a pay increase of \$10 per hour ... and all white people, you lose \$3."

Gaines places more stress on Obama's role as a representative of lower-class America and a friend of single mothers, referring to the president-elect's much-publicized childhood.

In terms of race-centered issues, however, the student leaders all noted that work must still be done.

"My greatest fear is that with the election of Barack Obama, people will somehow believe ... we've gotten there and there's no need for us to continue to fight for equality among the races," Jefferson said.

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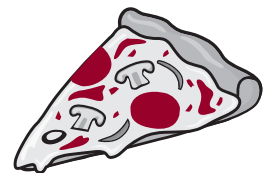
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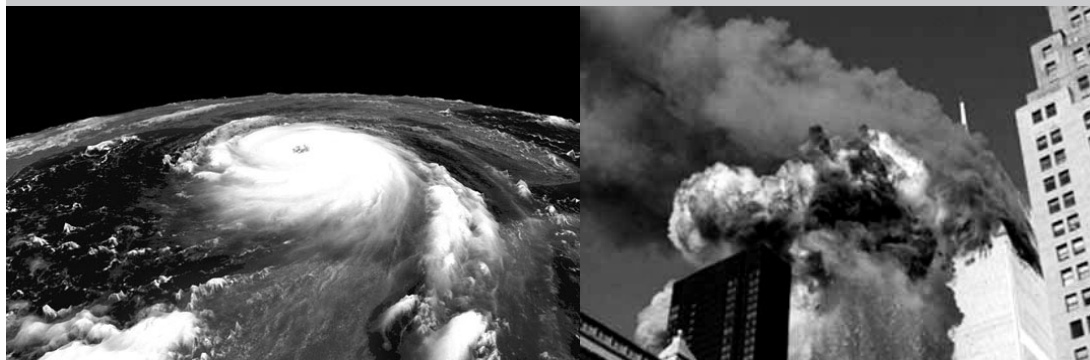
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Residents run down a street to the site where the Grace Divine school partially collapsed.

## Two Haitian schools collapse in same week

*Cause of second disaster unknown;  
at least 8 injured, sparking panic,  
false rumors as buildings crumble*

Jonathan M. Katz  
The Associated Press

A school partially collapsed in the Haitian capital on Wednesday, injuring at least eight students and sparking panic less than five days after a much larger school collapse killed more than 90 people.

Portions of a concrete ceiling at Grace Divine school in Port-au-Prince came crashing down, the second-story floor buckled and a wall partially collapsed while class was held at the small structure, tucked in a back alley. No one was trapped inside, and there were no deaths.

Seven students and an adult were treated for minor injuries, said U.N. peacekeeping mission spokeswoman Sophie Boutaud de la Combe.

As word of the collapse spread, crowds of anxious parents and onlookers descended along with ambulances and crews from the deadly Friday collapse of the College La Promesse in nearby Petionville, including members of a U.S. search and rescue team from Fairfax County, Va.

U.N. peacekeepers were deployed to keep the swelling crowd of thousands from

rushing the narrow concrete passageway leading to the school. Haitian politicians filed in from nearby government buildings to view the scene.

Two other children suffered minor injuries when thousands more rushed another school building in an adjoining neighborhood after false rumors spread that it had also collapsed, said Jean-Fetner Frederic, an administrator at the nearby Canape Vert Hospital.

The cause of the collapse at Grace Divine was unknown, though city building inspector Edouard Ernseau said recent heavy rains may have weakened the two-story concrete structure.

On Saturday, Haitian President Rene Preval said poor construction, including a lack of steel reinforcement, was to blame for the collapse of College La Promesse the day before. He warned that many other buildings throughout Haiti are in danger of failing and he called for greater oversight.

Crews continued clearing rubble and removing the bodies of victims at the College La Promesse on Wednesday as the country's civil protection department raised the official toll from that tragedy to 91 dead and 162 injured. Preparations were under way for a memorial observance at a soccer field on Thursday.

# USC dm Blitz Week!

## USC DANCE MARATHON

This week's fun events where you can help USC's Dance Marathon raise money for the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital to help offset health care costs and provide better facilities and equipment to treat sick and injured infants, children, and teenagers.

**November 10-13, 2008**

### Calendar of Events:

#### TODAY

**WHAT:** "Blue Laws" Concert  
**WHEN:** 8:00 P.M. till 2:00 A.M.  
**WHERE:** Club House in the Vista, corner of Park & Gervais, 18+, \$5  
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us. It was so much more personal and powerful in us committing to one another, and so much less about the people around us.”

According to the state public health department, 2,032 civil union licenses were issued in Connecticut between October 2005 and July 2008.

But there was no comparison between civil unions and marriage for Robin Levine-Ritterman and Barbara Levine-Ritterman, who obtained a civil union in 2005 and were among eight same-sex couples who sued for the right to marry.

“We didn’t do it with pride or joy,” Barbara Levine-Ritterman said of getting the civil-union license. “It felt gritty to be in a separate line.”

On Wednesday, however, she proudly held up the first same-sex marriage license issued in New Haven as about 100 people applauded outside City Hall. She and her betrothed, who held red roses, plan to marry in May.

“It’s thrilling today,” Barbara Levine-Ritterman said. “We are all in one line for one form. Love is love, and the state recognizes it.”

Manchester Town Clerk Joseph Camposeo, president of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, said clerks in the state’s 169 communities were advised by e-mail shortly after 9:30 a.m. that they could start issuing marriage licenses to gay couples.

The health department had new marriage applications printed that reflect the change. Instead of putting one name under “bride” and the other under “groom,” couples will see two boxes marked “bride/groom/spouse.”

Massachusetts is the only other state allowing gay marriages. Like the highest courts in that state and Connecticut, the California Supreme Court ruled this spring that same-sex marriage is legal. After about 18,000 thousand such unions were conducted in California, however, its

voters last week approved Proposition 8, a referendum banning the practice.

Gay rights groups said Wednesday they plan to ask California voters to overturn the ban if legal challenges to Proposition 8 are unsuccessful.

Constitutional amendments to ban gay marriage also passed last week in Arizona and Florida, and Arkansas voters approved a measure banning unmarried couples from serving as adoptive or foster parents.

Gay rights advocates are citing Massachusetts as an example at planned rallies this weekend to demonstrate why gay marriage is beneficial to families and children.

“In Massachusetts, in particular, we have a great story to tell, a great story to tell about marriage equality, that it works and that it’s good,” said Marc Solomon, executive director of MassEquality.

Kris Mineau of the Massachusetts Family Institute, which opposes gay marriage, said planned and past protests, some of which have been angry in tone and targeted churches, are meant to intimidate the California high court into invalidating Proposition 8.

“We are a nation that goes by the rule of law,” he said. “No court should ever be intimidated by mob rule. And that’s what our opponents right now are trying to do.”

The California vote has sparked protests and several lawsuits asking that state’s Supreme Court to overturn the prohibition.

Activists also are aiming boycotts and protests at businesses and individuals who contributed to the campaign to pass Proposition 8. Many of the donors are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which played a significant role in encouraging its members to support the California ban.

Mormon churches in several states have become the focus of protests and some vandalism since the vote.

# Palin discusses postelection possibilities

*VP candidate fields questions about her political future*

Brendan Farrington  
The Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who clearly is looking ahead to her political prospects in 2012, said Wednesday that a woman would be good for the Republican presidential ticket in four years.

This year’s GOP vice presidential nominee has been on a whirlwind series of postelection television interviews — she did two on CNN on Wednesday. She traveled to Florida for the three-day Republican Governors Association meeting and is scheduled to participate in a panel discussion Thursday titled “Looking Towards the Future: The GOP in Transition.”

She was asked Wednesday about speculation that she is the party’s future

“I don’t think it’s me personally. I think it’s what I represent,” Palin told reporters. “Everyday hardworking American families — a woman on the ticket perhaps represents that. It would be good for the ticket. It would be good for the party. I would be happy to get to do whatever is asked of me to help progress this nation.”

Questioned on whether that was her priority, Palin said: “A priority for me is serving the constituents of the state of Alaska ... They hired me, and I have an obligation, or a responsibility, to serve Alaska as their governor.”

A week after Election Day, Republicans are doing some soul searching after losing the White House and seeing their numbers decrease in the Senate and House. Many in the GOP are looking to their governors for a fresh direction for the party.

The telegenic Palin was a hit with Republican social conservatives. She has been fielding questions about her political future since the campaign ended.



John Watson-Riley / The Associated Press

**Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin speaks to the media as she arrives at the 2008 Republican Governors Association meeting in Miami, Fla., Wednesday.**

In an interview on CNN’s “The Situation Room,” Palin did not rule out running for president in 2012 or seeking a seat in the Senate, depending on the fate of Republican incumbent Ted Stevens.

Asked about a presidential bid, Palin said she was “not ruling that out but there again, that is based on my philosophy that it’s crazy to close a door before you know what’s even open in front of you.”

In the near term, she could run for Stevens’ seat in a special election. While the senator is leading in the continuing count from the election, he could be ousted by the Senate for his conviction on seven felony counts of failing to report more than \$250,000 in gifts.

“I’m going to serve Alaskans to the best of my ability. At this point it is as governor,” she said. “Now if something shifted dramatically and if it were, if it were acknowledged up there that I could be put to better use for my state

in the U.S. Senate, I would certainly consider that, but that would take a special election and everything else.”

While she was still on the GOP ticket, she put aside talk about the Senate.

In a separate interview, Palin told CNN’s Larry King that she didn’t think she cost John McCain the election, but if she did she was sorry.

“If I caused even one person to shy away from electing an American hero, John McCain, to the presidency, then I apologize,” she said.

The latest CNN/Opinion Research poll showed 43 percent of Americans had an unfavorable opinion of Palin.

If she runs in 2012, Palin faces possible competition from a number of other governors, including Charlie Crist of Florida, Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota, Haley Barbour of Mississippi and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana.




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## 5 things we're obsessing about this week

Colin Jones  
MIX EDITOR



### 3. Collectible Obama Election Day Covers

It may have been a week since America elected its new president, but eBay is abuzz with retailers attempting to sell Election Day newspapers and magazines. Throughout the past week, prices have skyrocketed on Obama newspapers and magazine covers that sold out the day after the election. The New York Times election edition is currently going for prices between \$50 and \$100, while Time's collectible edition is priced up to \$25. These prices may seem ridiculous, but it appears that everyone is trying to grab or sell a piece of history.

### 4. Mediterranean Tea Room



This Devine Street restaurant serves up prime Mediterranean cuisine in a sublime atmosphere. With traditional dishes like kofta kabobs with hummus and pita and modern entrees like the lamb burger, this establishment provides some of the best delectable delights in Columbia. While the prices may seem steep for a college budget, the food is definitely worth the \$15 burger and the drive out to Devine Street. Here at The Mix, we recommend going on a Friday afternoon when the crowds are light, and it hasn't gotten cold enough that sitting on the enclosed patio is unbearable.

### 1. Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern

Professional chef and TV personality Andrew Zimmern has spent his career consuming disgusting food while audiences recoil in horror and interest, and we're all the better for it. Zimmern's program, "Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern" on the Travel Channel, has been a favorite of The Mix since debuting in early 2007. Part travelogue, part educational program, the show meshes together American unfamiliarity with different cultures and a strange interest in the foreign and unusual. Zimmern hits exotic destinations like Peru and Vietnam while revealing the diverse cuisine from close-to-home locales like Wisconsin and the Gulf Coast. "Bizarre Foods" airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. and repeats throughout the week.



### 5. Quantum of Solace

Bond fans rejoice, 007 returns to the silver screen Friday with "Quantum of Solace." Whether this film presents a version of Bond with Pierce Brosnan cheesiness or Sean Connery suave is still up in the air. Daniel Craig presented viewers with a James Bond for the modern era in 2006's "Casino Royale." Craig's portrayal did away with the gadgetry and the frills, introducing a Bond grounded in realism. However, whether Craig can follow up with a passionate portrayal that outdoes his previous role is in question. The movie is sure to be a box office success, but can that success transfer into further Craig-helmed pictures? We don't know the answer to that question, but what we do know is that we're excited to see the film answer it.



### 2. Bose QuietComfort Acoustic Noise Canceling Headphones

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## A keen new sound for Keane

*Band's latest self-produced record showcases lyrical variety, takes risks*

Marin Mueller  
STAFF WRITER

★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Keane fans have plenty to be happy about. Almost two and a half years after the band's last album, the group is back and, arguably, better than ever. Keane's new album, "Perfect Symmetry," will appeal to the band's most devoted followers and is sure to attract scores of new fans as well. While Keane has been a staple in the British music scene for years, their new album is sure to solidify their position as one of the U.S.'s favorite new bands.

Classifying Keane's style is no easy task. The album generally alludes to the vocal style of The Killers, the music of Snow Patrol and at one point sounds unsettlingly similar to ABBA. What sets Keane's music apart from theirs, however, is this album's mood. Each track is distinctly energetic and upbeat, and "Perfect Symmetry" is simply fun to listen to. Unlike their previous work, "Perfect Symmetry" was self-produced, and the uncensored artistic license the band was given shines through the music. The risks taken by the band were significant and ultimately successful. The album features elements as obscure as the musical saw and vocals recorded through a drum, which keep listeners waiting for the next twist.

The fact that Keane deviates from all things historically typical for them is not without reason. Tom Chaplin, Keane's lead

singer, said in a news release that a few years ago, "We nearly lost the band and we could have gone our separate ways." Instead, he said, "We had this reinvention as people. You know, 'We might not have this, so we might as well enjoy it.' That affected everything that we did with this album." Their artistic choices could have easily ended in disaster, but instead led to an energizing, original and, most importantly, enjoyable album.

On first listen, the album stands out for its sound, but continued listening proves its depth. Lyrically, it shows Keane's pensive side and proves the band has the maturity to offer more than just an upbeat sound. Most interesting is the way Keane juxtaposes lines such as, "She has no love in her eyes" (from the track "Pretend That You're Alone") with an especially pop sound.

Still, despite the originality and variety found in the lyrics, the album lacks the ability to constantly change. While the first three tracks will have fans convinced that Keane has uncovered a "new sound," the same rhythms, pitches and patterns are repeated constantly over the next eight songs. It seems as though Keane ran out of ways to reinvent their sound long before they finished recording.

"Perfect Symmetry" offers Keane fans a glimpse into the band's full potential. Although the group has left much of its creative ability largely untapped, the innovative instrumentation and thought-provoking lyrics make the album well worth a listen.

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Keane's recent album, "Perfect Symmetry," explores the band's mature lyrical side.



Courtesy of Cruiserweight

Pop-rock band Cruiserweight is one of few female-fronted music groups on the scene today.

## Cruiserweight tours for latest album

*'Big Bold Letters' bonds band after lineup changes*

Shelby Sachs  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Austin, Texas-based band Cruiserweight has a lot to say about the departure of drummer Yogi Maxwell, their recently released second album, current tour and success as a female-led pop-rock band.

The original lineup has changed over the past couple of months, but the band's current members are Stella Maxwell (vocals), Urny Maxwell (guitar), Dave Hawkins (bass) and Daniel Lancealot (drums).

It was difficult for the band to come to the realization that Yogi Maxwell was leaving, but over time, they learned how to cope and continue on with the band.

"It was definitely harder when it first happened. It has gotten better now. We are comfortable with Daniel, who has been playing with us since August, and it has been going really well," said Urny. "It did not change the way we sound — it is just a different dynamic."

Growing up, Urny, Stella

and Yogi were constantly surrounded by music, whether they were listening to or playing it.

"We all grew up hearing and singing along to music," said Urny. "We all went through the band program in middle and high school. I was playing in band since I was 12 years old."

Cruiserweight recently released its second album, "Big Bold Letters," on Oct. 7 through DogHouse Records. Unlike its first album, "Sweet Weaponry" (2005), this album has more of a mature and catchy vibe to it.

"It is our best album both phonically and musically, and just the writing we all are much [happier] with it than with any others," Urny said. "Hopefully we can get it into enough people's ears so that it starts catching on because we are real proud of it."

With a successful and well-reviewed album already released, Cruiserweight decided to tour with The Pink Spiders and Mondo Primo.

The band has toured with Mondo Primo multiple times, but this is the group's first tour with The Pink Spiders.

"This is probably one of the best touring lineups that we

have ever been on as far as the whole package goes," Urny said.

Along with having a great time touring with their friends, Cruiserweight enjoys performing onstage surrounded by high-energy bands and newfound fans.

"Performing live is like a rush. All of your energy is focused into that 35 to 40 minutes, and it makes all the bad crap that happened all day go away," Urny said. "You get tired of playing the same songs sometimes, but the thing that keeps it fresh is knowing that you are playing your best set of songs for a bunch of new people that night."

This band is quite unique and stands out not only because of their musical style and stage presence, but also because of the fact that they have Maxwell as their lead singer.

"I think for the most part [Stella] has been a positive [asset to the band] because it has made us stand out," Urny said. "Every now and then, you will get someone saying they don't like chick bands, but that is just someone being closed-minded."

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# Bond evolves to please today’s fans

*Craig’s secret agent far cry from Fleming’s novels, early films*

John Anderson  
*MCT Campus*

Mystery writer P.D. James once admitted that she had watched actor Roy Marsden play her most famous creation, Adam Dalgliesh, so many times — five different TV miniseries had featured the actor as the poetic New Scotland Yard detective — that Marsden had replaced any other image she had of her phlegmatic Brit.

“When I write Dalgliesh now,” James said, “Roy Marsden is who I see.”

Who would author Ian Fleming see, were he around today and still banging out Bonds? Sean Connery? Roger Moore? Woody Allen? (Yes, Allen was one of several James Bonds in the original screen version of “Casino Royale.”) Fleming wrote 12 original Bond novels, which have inspired nearly twice that number of movies (as well as two short-story collections), but the author lived long enough to see only two — “Dr. No” (1962) and “From Russia With Love” (1963). Fleming apparently was impressed enough with Sean Connery that he stressed Bond’s Scottish heritage when he wrote “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service,” which ironically starred George Lazenby when it was filmed in 1969. But were he around today, the one—time naval commander, who died in 1964, would likely be confused — not just by the times, but by his hero. Or, rather, heroes.

It may be that every era gets the Bond it deserves, in which case the ubiquitous advertisements for “Quantum of Solace” (a title even more bewildering than “Synecdoche, New York”) gives off a bit of bad news: The two sourpusses in the ads, Daniel Craig and co-star Olga Kurylenko, look like a pair of

sullen celebrities walking the red carpet at their own movie premiere. Welcoming they are not, but, as a symptom of star-obsessed culture, they work OK, either as a branding device or an EEG.

In early reviews, Web critics have stressed that the movie, which opens Friday, has little besides nonstop action, which may please the video-gaming fan base for cinematic excess. But it hardly suggests the suavity and sophistication with which James Bond has long been synonymous.

Craig’s breakout U.S. role on the big screen was as painter Francis Bacon’s boyfriend in John Maybury’s “Love Is the Devil” (1998), and he still looks like rough trade. Which is, of course, part of his appeal, which extends to both gay men and straight women. It also seems part of a cultural drift (or stampede) toward the brutish and extreme and away from the morally gray sophistication that Bond was meant to embody. Craig is built like the proverbial brick warehouse and, in this, he’s far more a reflection of our times than was Fleming’s original creation, who was envisioned as a glamorized version of the author — a smoker and drinker with the sexual discretion of a cage full of gerbils.

Men without personal trainers don’t generally look like Craig, and personal trainers were not part of the training regimen of secret agents as envisioned by Fleming. The postwar, ‘40s-style elegance of the original Bond (the first book was published in 1953) was not the product of Pilates or free weights, but military training slightly diluted by devoted dissipation, self-indulgence and operable knowledge of his own — and others’ — mortality.

He was also naughty. When Connery began playing Bond, sex in the mainstream media still carried with it a frisson of the forbidden, and the actor was all about sex. He wasn’t bulked-up, like today’s action heroes. But he did have



Karen Ballard / MCT Campus

Daniel Craig, who has played James Bond in one 007 film will reprise the role in the upcoming “Quantum of Solace.”

the blessing of good timing: There was a president in the White House who looked like he actually slept with his wife (and everyone else, as it turned out) and the Bond films were part of a sexual awakening that helped turn the public chasteness of the Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower on its head.

Connery was Bond throughout the so-called Sexual Revolution, and, while we may be projecting, is it any wonder that Roger Moore always seemed a little exhausted? Moore, a perfectly capable actor, launched a reign that extended throughout the ‘70s and into the early ‘80s. He was the disco-era Bond — a little decadent, a little seedy around the edges; one imagines oversized sunglasses, oversized shirt collars and an air of calculated hipness that now seems less suave than

surreal.

The classically trained Timothy Dalton assumed the role in 1987 with “The Living Daylights” (another great title), and, while Dalton is held in generally low regard by Bond-o-philes, he’s sorely misjudged. He can be funny; he can be charming. He was a bridge between the Reagan-era Moore and the Clinton-era Pierce Brosnan, one reflecting indulgence, the other irony. Who was a more ironical Bond that Brosnan?

He was the best — OK, fans, the best besides Connery, but a far better actor and even comedian. And in what seems a gesture toward the corporatization of our culture, he was cut loose like a Ford worker. Enter Daniel Craig.

Arthur Conan Doyle never got to see Basil Rathbone play Sherlock Holmes. Dashiell Hammett had written the “Thin Man” novel before William Powell made Nick Charles his own. It’s probably merciful that Fleming isn’t around to see what’s become of Bond, not because the films are bad or that Craig isn’t necessarily good, but just because James Bond has become something else, something more obvious, played by a guy who may be hot, but isn’t sufficiently cool.

At 106 minutes, “Quantum of Solace” is easily the shortest James Bond movie, although Craig shouldn’t feel dissed — his first as 007, “Casino Royale” (2006), was the longest (144 minutes) in the nearly five-decade-long Bond series. That film reintroduced us to James Bond, not as the university-schooled secret agent and seducer, but as a more thuggish mercenary, pursuing high-stakes terrorists via a high-stakes card game.

In “Quantum of Solace” — which last week was busy breaking U.K. box-office records — Bond battles Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric), an environmental bandit in the guise of a noted conservationist, who is planning a Bolivian coup d’etat. Bond is also seeking revenge for the death of Bond Girl Vesper Lynd. And he does it in record time.

Overall, the Bond film as a genre has been remarkably consistent in length — most are just about two hours, many of the early Sean Connery films are less, and each in the Roger Moore oeuvre clocks in, suspiciously consistently, at about two hours, 10 minutes. “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service” — notable for the one-time appearance of actor George Lazenby as Bond — was, until Craig, the longest in the series.

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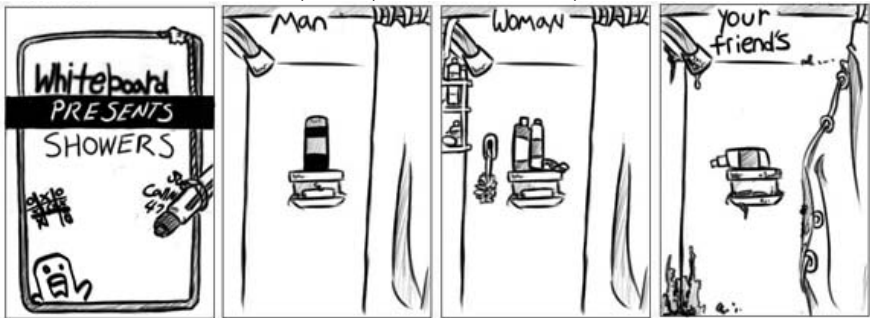
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**SCORPIO** Take time to list what worked and what didn't, while you're recuperating from your recent burst of energy. No need to let on that you're also taking a well-earned rest.

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**AQUARIUS** Don't try to sell any new ideas now; everybody's stuck in what they're doing. Wait for conditions to change, which will happen soon. It always does. Meanwhile, tune up your presentation.

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46 Name on a check  
48 Printer's measures  
49 Scottish feudal lord  
51 19th of a certain series  
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54 End of quip  
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# Staley era begins against Lions

*‘Seniors are going to carry us’*

Chaz Brown  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

After a 16-16 season that ended in the second round of the WNIT tournament a year ago, the women’s basketball team, now with coach Dawn Staley at the helm, looks to earn a berth to the NCAA tournament. The journey begins Sunday as the team travels to State College, Pa., with hopes of upending the always tough Nittany Lions of Penn State.

“We’re excited,” Staley said. “I think it will be good to go into an environment like we’re going to face on Sunday. They’ll have a pretty decent crowd there, and it’s a hard place to get a win. I think we’ll be tested, and if we come out with a W, I think it will be most deserving because we’ll have to fight for it.”

The seniors on the 2008-09 squad have already answered the call to lead the team, as shown in the Gamecocks’ 78-69 victory over Peach State Elite last Thursday. Brionna Dickerson led South Carolina in scoring with 16 points in that game while logging 38 minutes of playing time. Demetress Adams also stepped up, scoring a double-

double with 14 points and grabbing 16 rebounds in the exhibition game. Coach Staley needs these two as well as C.J. Pace to create opportunities in the season opener.

“The seniors are going to carry us,” Staley said. “[Demetress is] going to have to carry us until some of the younger players grow up a little bit and get some more experience. [Brionna has] got to do her thing. [Brionna has] got to help us keep the paint open by being a threat on the outside, and when the lane opens up she’s got to be willing to put the ball on the floor and go to the basketball.”

Proving that this is a team effort and not just a showcase for the seniors, three freshmen joined Dickerson and Adams in scoring double digits against Peach State. Lakeisha Sutton, Miranda Tate and Sada Wheeler all netted 10 points last week in their first game wearing a Gamecock uniform. Tate went 2-2 from behind the arc, and Wheeler was 4-4 from the floor to help propel South Carolina.

“They fight through the mistakes that they will make,” Staley said. “They’re going to have to make contributions like that throughout the entire season. We’re in a position where we have to play them



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**Lakeisha Sutton drives the lane against Peach State in USC’s exhibition opener.**

because we don’t have a lot of bodies ... They’ve just got to learn on the fly.”

Penn State traveled to Columbia a year ago and went back home with a 70-63 victory. In that game, Adams led all scorers with 17 points as Dickerson netted 11 in a losing effort. The last time

the Gamecocks traveled to State College, Penn State sealed a victory that night as well, 68-57.

Penn State won their only exhibition game, defeating California (Pa), 90-56. The Nittany Lions had four players score in double figures: Brianne O’Rourke (23), Julia

Trogele (17), Janessa Wolff (16) and Meggan Quinn (14). With both teams having multiple scoring threats, there is no telling who might step up to be the game changer.

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*Senior fans, players see final USC home game*

**Outside perspective shows Williams-Brice’s true spirit to fourth-year student**

For many fans, Saturday’s win over Arkansas was just another SEC win to bring the Gamecocks one step closer to their desired January bowl. But for many students and players whose collegiate careers are coming to a close, it was the last time to enjoy the beauty that is Williams-Brice Stadium on gameday.

As the student section trickled in, fans prepared for the season’s final home game with a singing of the national anthem that was topped off with the unique experience of a four-plane flyover — maybe the most exhilarating stadium experience.



**JAKE LUCE**  
*Fourth-year sport and entertainment management student*

Though South Carolina was able to manage a quality victory over Arkansas, more than the athletes’ play caught the eye of this fourth-year student.

I had the privilege of sitting in the press box for the game, and if students ever have the opportunity to get a view of Williams-Brice from outside the student section, they should definitely take advantage of it.

From the outside looking in, you can really appreciate the controlled chaos that is the South Carolina student section. We provide the energy for the rest of the stadium to feed off, whether it’s getting wild for a third down or starting the iconic wave.

Though it is an important experience to sit far and away from the wild, claustrophobic screamfest, there is no seat in any football stadium that can compare to the excitement of going nuts with thousands of your fellow rioting students.

One unforgettable memory is when the music starts bumping to whatever song gets us most riled up and everybody is jumping up and down going crazy during a time out.

Many current seniors came to this school with huge expectations for our football program, including SEC or National Championship appearances within our four-year tenure. Though it may be disappointing not to see Carolina competing in those major post-season competitions, there is no doubt this team has improved every year since Spurrier’s arrival.

Oftentimes South Carolina would let close games slip away at home, as exemplified in this year’s losses against Georgia and LSU. Though the losses were frustrating, it only made the victory celebrations that much more enjoyable.

Nobody will likely forget the greatest moment in recent Williams-Brice history, which was of course the miraculous upset over Florida in Spurrier’s first meeting as a Gamecock against his alma mater.

With the wonderful experience of Williams-Brice coming to an end for some, students wrapping up their collegiate career can only hope they made the most of

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# USC beats SMU to advance to semifinals

*Men’s soccer tops home team in first round, advances to face highly-ranked Tulsa*

Michael Baumann  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After stumbling into the Conference USA tournament on a string of three straight draws, USC’s men’s soccer team stormed into the second round in impressive fashion, putting two goals past tournament hosts Southern Methodist in the first half to win its first-round matchup, 3-0.

After missing the regular season finale against UCF due to suspension, sophomore striker Blake Brettschneider made his presence felt, driving home a free kick in the 25th minute to put USC up 1-0.

Brettschneider’s suspension in the regular season finale allowed USC

coach Mark Berson to experiment up top, employing junior Bryan Lowder and sophomore Mike Lindsay along with leading scorer Sam Arthur. Lowder scored his first goal of the season against the Golden Knights, and Lindsay turned in an impressive performance as well.

“Bryan Lowder came in and played really well,” Berson said after Friday’s match. “I think Mike Lindsay played his best of the year.”

Both Lowder and Lindsay provided Carolina with depth at striker that allowed Berson to rotate the two, along with Arthur and Brettschneider, throughout the match, with devastating results.

In the 45th minute, Lowder put USC up by two after receiving a pass from Lindsay on a breakaway. He slotted a shot past Mustang goalkeeper Craig Hill for the score.

Berson used an offensive rotation

to keep fresh legs on the Gamecock attack for most of the game. Only six Carolina players stayed in the whole 90 minutes: goalkeeper Jimmy Maurer, the back line of Mark Wiltse, Tyler Ruthven, Will Traynor and Mario Burstein and defensive midfielder Stephen Morrissey. Along with his striker rotation, Berson interchanged offensive midfielders Kevan Hawkins, Jeff Scannella, David MacVane, David Smith and Vance Benson at will.

After the break, the Gamecocks became a little reckless with their challenges, as both Traynor and Brettschneider were booked in the 48th and 54th minutes, respectively.

However, Carolina was able to hold onto the lead, thanks to solid defense and exceptional play by Maurer, who was named to the All-C-USA second team this week. Maurer stopped all four shots SMU put on goal. SMU’s leading goal scorer, Brazilian forward

Paulo da Silva, was held in check, managing just one shot on goal in 53 minutes, and picked up a yellow card in the 35th minute.

In the 78th minute, Carolina was even able to build on its lead as Arthur, on a pass from Traynor, flicked a 15-yarder past Hill to extend Carolina’s lead to three for his 12th goal of the year.

Carolina held on for the shutout and will face top-seeded Tulsa, ranked No. 7 nationally, in the conference semifinals. The Golden Hurricane got past UAB 4-2 in its opening-round matchup, thanks to Scottish midfielder Ashley McInnes’s brace.

USC and Tulsa drew nil-nil the last time the two teams faced off. Kickoff for the semifinal is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Friday in Dallas.

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# Auguste injured; LeCorn asked to step in at free safety

**Suspensions, hurt players raise concern in backfield**

Sam Davis  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

As the Gamecocks prepare to head to Gainesville, Fla., to take on the third-ranked Florida Gators, USC coach Steve Spurrier has had trouble with some “nagging injuries,” particularly in the secondary, that could make achieving the upset an even greater task.

With sophomore free safety Chris Culliver suspended for the first half for fighting, the USC secondary is already hurting. Freshman defensive back Akeem Auguste had planned to take his place but has not practiced this week and is likely a no-go.

“He’s hurt. All of a sudden we have a few nagging injuries ...” Spurrier said. “Akeem didn’t do anything today, so he’s a wait-and-see. He may not make [the trip].”

Sophomore Dion LeCorn, who is usually listed as a wide receiver, will

likely start at free safety instead of Culliver or Auguste.

Against a prolific offense with the versatility that Urban Meyers’s Gators possess, defensive backs are the last position that Carolina needs to be lacking.

“It’s a concern that we’re low on DBs right now,” Spurrier said. “They play with five wide receivers every now and then, too. But anyway, we’ll put whoever we got out there.”

Adding to the list of missing players that Spurrier commented on, Moe Brown did not practice on Wednesday and may not play on Saturday. As a result, junior wide receiver Chris Hail and redshirt freshman Stephen Flint have seen more looks in practice.

“Somebody fell on [Brown’s] leg, so he has a sprained knee,” Spurrier said.

As for the shuffling of the quarterbacks that took place last week against Arkansas in a 34-21 victory, it will likely continue this week. Spurrier, however, noted that redshirt sophomore Chris Smelley has looked a little better as of late and could have an edge over redshirt sophomore Stephen Garcia.

“I wouldn’t say [they are] even. Chris Smelley is a little bit better prepared than Stephen Garcia mentally,” Spurrier said. “But Stephen can run around every now and then and throw a few good ones

every now and then, so we’re going to play both of them somehow, somehow.”

Senior linebacker and team leader Jasper Brinkley sat on the sidelines with an injury last year when Florida blew out the Gamecocks in Williams-Brice Stadium by a score of 51-31. This year, he’s looking to have a say in the outcome and prove that Carolina is not 20 points worse than Florida.

“You always want to come out and make a statement. After what happened last year, I had an opportunity to stand on the sideline and watch them rip us to pieces,” Brinkley said. “You want to go back out this year and prove a point that we are capable of playing with these guys.”

Facing the defending Heisman trophy winner and potential repeat winner in quarterback Tim Tebow, there is no question the Carolina Gamecocks will have their hands full this week. Playing in front of over 90,000 screaming Florida fans at “The Swamp” surely won’t help their cause this week. Essentially, the Gamecocks will have to play nearly perfect football to give the Gators a run for their money.

“We all know the formula to winning,” Spurrier said. “We just have to see if we can.”

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**Akeem Auguste, above right, may not see the field against Florida.**





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The student section celebrates a touchdown against Arkansas last Saturday. USC's game was the final home game for seniors both on and off the field.

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every opportunity during their Gamecock football seasons.

So to those students who

are lucky enough to enjoy Williams-Brice Stadium next season or for years to come, make every home game count; the end of this amazing collegiate

experience will come faster than you could ever imagine.

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# USC hits road for last time

Volleyball faces Wildcats, Vols in final away trip

Michael Aguilar  
SPORTS EDITOR

The entire season has been up and down for the Gamecock volleyball team this year. Just when it looks like all is lost, USC finds a way to win, and just when it seems like the team is on easy street, the team gets beaten.

This weekend, the Gamecocks will travel out to Lexington, Ky., and Knoxville, Tenn., for their final road trip of the regular season. Carolina will square off against two quality teams in the Kentucky Wildcats and the Tennessee Volunteers.

With five matches left,

volleyball is desperately seeking a string of wins that could possibly propel the team into the NCAA tournament. If the Gamecocks could put out five straight wins, they would end the season with a 24-6 record, certainly good enough for a bid to the tournament.

USC coach Ben Somera recognizes the importance of a strong finish, especially when something as important as a tournament bid is on the line. It's for this reason that he is trying to motivate his team to play its best at this point.

"[This is] the time in the season where [the team is] trying to peak," Somera said.

However, there are plenty of obstacles in the way. Firstly, USC has to stand toe-to-toe with UK this weekend. The Wildcats beat the Gamecocks in straight sets earlier this season in Columbia. Needless to say, USC is plenty concerned with matching up with Kentucky.

"[Kentucky is a] real physical team that blocks a lot of balls and [runs] a pretty efficient offense," Somera said.

Even though the Wildcats present plenty of challenge, USC certainly shouldn't overlook the Volunteers. With the No. 19 Wildcats looming on Friday, it would be easy for USC to overlook the Volunteers on Sunday. However, Somera is trying to stress how important it is for Carolina to bring an

equally strong game against Tennessee. Somera knows that, as talented as UK is, the Vols could be just as dangerous.

"[Tennessee is] a better floor defense team that [digs] a few more balls," Somera said.

Beyond this weekend, Carolina returns home to face its final three SEC opponents in Florida, Mississippi State and Alabama. Out of those three teams, Carolina only lost to one, Florida. However, the Gamecocks have a big task ahead of them to finish the season with the record they expect.

To make sure that they achieve that record, Somera is making sure that the team focuses on improving its game this weekend. Somera thinks that keeping the team's fundamentals at its forefront will have the team up to speed for the rest of the season.

"[We're] not focused on outcome but just playing hard and seeing where that gets us," Somera said.

The Gamecocks face Kentucky at 7 p.m. on Friday and Tennessee at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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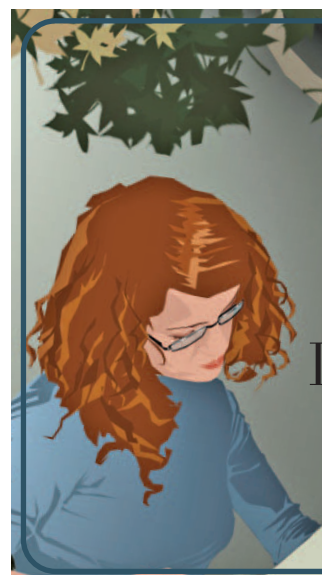


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1 automobile  
1 long day  
1 diminishing attention span  
1 too many

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